

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 495

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Michael Eugene "Mike" Wilhite of Rossville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Eugene "Mike" Wilhite of Rossville; and

WHEREAS, Mike Wilhite was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on February 2, 1956, in Memphis, Mr. Wilhite was a graduate of Memphis Preparatory School and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, a retired career law enforcement officer with more than twenty-five years of service, Mike Wilhite was an employee of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department Rescue Division, the Moscow Police Department, and the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, from which he retired at the rank of Sergeant Criminal Investigator; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilhite was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mike Wilhite enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife, Janet Grace Jackson, and was the proud father of Hannah (David) Pressley and Chris (Christina) Wilhite; doting grandfather of Ava, Cara, Amos, Chloe, June, and Trae; and loving great-grandfather of Addie Claire; and

WHEREAS, he will be mourned but fondly remembered by his mother, JoAnne "JJ" Wilhite; his sisters, Sherrie Nicholson and Wendy Saylor; and a host of extended family members and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilhite was preceded in death by his father, Freddie Eugene Wilhite, and his son, Brandon Heath Wilhite; and

WHEREAS, Mike Wilhite leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Michael Eugene "Mike" Wilhite, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wilhite.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.